



The LOYAL ASSOCIATION

Of the HUNDRED of BLYTHING,

For the Purposes of supporting our most excellent Constitution in Church and State, and preserving Liberty and Property against Levellers, Republicans, and the Abettors of the Designs of France, against this Country.

At a Meeting of the Acting Magistrates, Gentry, Clergy, and other Loyal Inhabitants of the Hundred, held at Halesworth, the 24th Dec. 1792.

Sir JOHN ROUS, Bart. in the Chair.

The following DECLARATIONS and RESOLUTIONS were proposed, and unanimously agreed to.

THAT our glorious Constitution, and present excellent system of government, by King, Lords, and Commons, which were obtained by the valor and firmness of our ancestors, are most wisely framed for the diffusion of happiness and true liberty, the protection of property, and the general prosperity of the nation.

That opinions, totally destructive of all order and subordination, and subversive of our whole system of government, having lately been advanced and circulated by societies of desperate and seditious men, acting in concert with persons in foreign parts, and by their emissaries; and causes of discontent having been artfully infused by them into the minds of the inferior classes of people, to dispose them to adopt their most destructive doctrines, the exertions of every friend of the Constitution, are become essentially necessary to preserve and support it.

That we who are present at this meeting, sensible of the inestimable blessings which this nation has long enjoyed, under our happy Constitution and present form of government, the birth-right of every Briton, do hereby associate and firmly pledge ourselves to each other, and to our country, that we will exert every means in our several stations, to defend them against the attacks of all foreign enemies, and the more dangerous combinations of seditious men, in order to transmit them, unimpaired, to posterity, as the only effectual security for preserving real liberty and happiness.

That for the support of these great objects, we will do all in our power to aid and assist the civil magistrate in maintaining the general tranquility, in suppressing all riots and disturbances, which may arise within this hundred, and in bringing the authors and promoters thereof to condign punishment.

That in order to prevent the propagation of seditious doctrines, we will, jointly and individually, endeavour to discover and bring to justice, all persons who shall, either by publishing or distributing inflammatory papers or writings, or by engaging in any illegal clubs or meetings, attempt to disturb the public peace, or excite disaffection to our most Gracious Sovereign, and the lawful government of this country.

That in order to facilitate in the most effectual and expeditious manner, the attainment of these important objects, the Magistrates acting within this hundred, the Bailiffs of Southwold and Dun-

wich for the time being, the Clergy resident in the hundred, Sir John Blois, Sir Thomas Gooch, Sir Joshua Vanneck, Barts. George Golding, Chalenor Archdeackne, Humphry Brewster, Reginald Rabett, John Sheppard, John Thompson, John Wilkinson, George Doughty, John Dresher, John Clayton, Samuel Badeley, George Bitton, Peter Jermyn, Esqrs. and Doctor Langslow, or any five of them, (one being a magistrate) shall be a Committee, and that the said Committee shall meet at the Tunns, in Yoxford, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of Jan. next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and from time to time adjourn themselves, and meet at such other times and places as they shall think proper. That the said magistrates, or any two of them, may appoint meetings of such committee at any other time and place they shall judge expedient; and that a committee of seven (two of them being acting magistrates) shall have power to appoint any other persons resident in the hundred to be of the committee; and to make such other orders and regulations as they shall conceive necessary for promoting the objects of this Association.

That this Association be called "The Loyal Association of the hundred of Blything."

That as a small fund will be necessary for carrying on this Association, a separate book shall be provided for the signature of such persons as shall think proper to subscribe, not exceeding 10s. 6d. each.

That PETER JERMYN, Esq. be appointed Treasurer and Secretary of this Association; and that all communications respecting the above objects be made to the Secretary.

That these resolutions be signed by the Chairman, and published twice in the county papers, in the St James's Chronicle, General Evening Post, and Star; and be left at the Angel, in Halesworth; the Tunns, in Yoxford; the White Horse, in Leiston; the Old Swan, in Southwold; the Angel, in Wangford; and the Eagle, in Wrentham, during the space of fourteen days, for the signature of all the other loyal inhabitants of the hundred.

JOHN ROUS, Chairman.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the magistrates who convened it, for their zeal and activity.

That the thanks of this meeting be also given to the Chairman, for his conduct during the business of the day.

P. JERMYN, Secretary.